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### **Gov. Beshear announces Transportation Enhancement for central Kentucky region**

*Projects will 'promote better quality of life' for five cities and counties*

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Gov. Steve Beshear today announced nearly \$2 million for pedestrian path and bike trails improvements, scenic highways improvements, historic preservation, rail corridor preservation, and a transportation museum in central Kentucky. The funding is part of the Transportation Enhancement (TE) program and reinforces Gov. Beshear's emphasis on investing in local communities.

"My administration is working to ensure local communities thrive," said Gov. Beshear. "This funding will help provide the citizens in central Kentucky more accessible sidewalks that promote better quality of life and community pride."

The projects include:

- **Woodford County Fiscal Court** – \$960,000  
The Bluegrass Railroad project will preserve, restore and enhance portions of the historic railroad and allow the Bluegrass Railroad Museum to utilize the entire 5.5-mile mainline track. Rehabilitation is necessary to restore several track sections and a trestle seriously degraded by time and weather. Built in 1889, the railroad is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and remains in basically the same configuration as when originally constructed.
- **City of Wilmore** – \$463,000  
The Wilmore Historic Transportation Museum project will enable the city to purchase a building and three acres of land to protect a historic view shed that accompanies the home of historic Norfolk Southern Railroad. The second floor of the three-story building will be transformed into a transportation museum providing tourists with a unique experience and educating visitors on the history of railroads and other means of transportation in the community.
- **Boyle County Fiscal Court**– \$288,000  
The Johnson-Brinton House Phase II renovation project will restore the interior of the historic house in downtown Perryville to serve as a visitors center for the city and

Perryville Battlefield. The house is the first building on Merchants' Row, the town's historic 19th century commercial district. The house was struck by artillery fire during the Battle of Perryville in 1862.

- **City of Richmond** – \$157,500

The Bates Creek Trail Project will allow the city to construct a sidewalk to serve pedestrians and bicyclists along the old abandoned Riney B (Richmond-Nicholasville-Beattyville) rail bed that runs along Bates Creek Road (KY 169). The project enhances the opportunities for the community to explore the history by providing access and safety for pedestrians.

- **City of Berea** – \$128,828

The Berea Cemetery Hill sidewalk project will allow the city to invest in a 5-foot sidewalk for both pedestrian and bicycle use. The sidewalk will begin at the entrance of the Berea Cemetery, an area used by pedestrians and bicyclists, and end at the intersection of KY 1016, Glades Road and Powell Street, a concentrated residential area. The project also includes a partial retaining wall and curb and gutter.

The TE program offers federal funding for unique and creative approaches that integrate transportation into a community in an environmentally friendly way.

“Sometimes smaller, lower-cost improvements can do a great deal to enhance practical and aesthetic appeal,” said Transportation Secretary Joe Prather. “Through effective use of our Transportation Enhancement dollars, we are helping communities throughout the commonwealth do great work that will improve life for local citizens.”

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